

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**ABSTRACT**

**P.S.** – Horticulture Department – Departmental proceedings against Smt. K.Ramalaxmi, Dy. Director of Horticulture, at present working as Project Director, APMIP, Medak District - under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules 1991 – Articles of Charges – Issued.

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**AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Rt. No. 401

Dt.31.05.2014.

Read the following:

1. From the COH, Hyd. Lr.No.Estt.I(2)/182/2014, dt. 28.2.2014.
2. D.O.Lr.No.Estt.I(2)182/2014, dt.28.2.2014 of the COH, Hyd.

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**ORDER:**

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against the said Smt. K.Ramalaxmi, Dy. Director of Horticulture, at present working as Project Director, APMIP, Medak District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or mis behaviour in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be set out is in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charge ( Annexure-I), a list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the Articles of Charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed as Annexure-II and III.

3. Smt. K.Ramalaxmi, Dy. Director of Horticulture, at present working as Project Director, APMIP, Medak District, is directed to submit her written statement of defence within 15 days from the date of the receipt of the order.

4. Smt. K.Ramalaxmi, Dy. Director of Horticulture, at present working as Project Director, APMIP, Medak District, is further informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charges as is not admitted. She should therefore, specifically admit or deny each Article of Charge.

5. Smt. K.Ramalaxmi, Dy. Director of Horticulture, at present working as Project Director, APMIP, Medak District , is further informed that if she does not submit her written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para (3) above or does not appear in person before the inquiring authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules 1991 or the orders / directions issued in pursuance of the said rule, the inquiry authority may hold the inquiry against her exparte and further action will be taken based on the material available.

6. The attention of Smt. K.Ramalaxmi, Dy. Director of Horticulture, at present working as Project Director, APMIP, Medak District , is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interest in respect of matter pertaining to her service under the Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings it will be presumed that Smt. K.Ramalaxmi, Dy. Director of Horticulture, at present working as Project

Director, APMIP, Medak District, is aware of such representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the G.O. must be acknowledged.

( BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

RANJEEV R. ACHARYA  
APC & PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Smt. K.Ramalaxmi, Dy. Director of Horticulture, presently working as Project Director, APMIP, Medak District, (Through the COH, Hyd) (w.e.)

Copy to:

The Commissioner of Horticulture, Hyderabad.

( With a request to serve the copy and send dated acknowledgement)

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// FORWARDED:: BY ORDER //

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**STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR  
ON WHICH ACTION IS PROPOSED TO BE TAKEN AGAINST SMT. K.  
RAMALAXMI, PROJECT DIRECTOR ,APMIP, MEDAK, FOR  
COMMITTING CERTAIN IRREGULARITIES**

**ARTICLE OF CHARGE-I**

That the Project Director (PD), APMIP, Medak, has given excess target of 500 ha to M/s Haritha Irrigation Products (P) Limited and paid 10% mobilization advance amount to M/s Haritha Irrigation Products (P) Limited as against the actual allotment of 100 ha only to M/s Haritha Irrigation Products (P) Limited by the Head Office, misleading the District Collector, Medak in deviation of APMIP guidelines No.30. This is established from the letter dated 2.7.2013 of the State Co-ordinator of M/s Haritha Irrigation Products (P) Limited addressed to PO, APMIP, Hyderabad, wherein, the company has shown a target of 100 ha. only in Medak District. Therefore, the PD, Medak has favoured M/s Haritha Irrigation Products (P) Limited with malafide intention, depriving other MI Companies.

**ARTICLE OF CHARGE-II**

- A) That the PD, APMIP, Medak has released 90% subsidy to MI Companies which have submitted forged/fake final inspection reports & commissioning certificates in 18 cases in Mulugu, Ramayampet mandals with forged signatures of the Mandal Co-ordinating Officer (MCO)/Agriculture Officer concerned
- B) That as per APMIP guidelines vide no. 48, if MI area is more than 2 ha, 60 liters capacity fertilizer tank costing Rs.3989/- has to be installed & for below 1 ha a ventury costing Rs.1050 is to be supplied. The PD, APMIP, Medak, while processing 90% subsidy, has not followed the above guidelines in 66 cases. The PD, Medak has allowed 60 litres capacity fertilizer tank in 66 cases even though the area is less than 1 ha causing excess payment of subsidy to MI Companies resulting in leakage of Govt. funds to a tune of Rs. 2,63,274/-. Even though, 90% photo clearly shows supply of ventury with HCU, the PD sanctioned and released subsidy for 30 Ltrs capacity fertilizer tank in 3 cases without proper scrutiny causing excess payment to MI Company to the tune of Rs.3,861.00.
- C) That the PD, APMIP, Medak has sanctioned and released 90% final payment towards subsidy to four beneficiaries without

obtaining proper documents and released subsidy based on unregistered 'gift deeds' of same family members with a single address proof in deviation of APMIP guidelines vide no. 22 & Director of Horticulture circular No. APMIP/750/09, dated: 30.6.2009 & 17.8.2009. In these cases even though the APD clearly pointed out about the lapse, the PD has sanctioned & released subsidy to MI Company causing leakage of Govt. funds to a tune of Rs.3,60,000/- showing scant respect to the rules though pointed out by the responsible officer i.e APD, APMIP, Medak.

- D) That the PD, APMIP, Medak has released 90% subsidy towards final payment in 9 cases based on bills submitted by MI Companies only without obtaining final inspection & commissioning/completion reports of MCOs concerned in deviation of APMIP guidelines No.27 and the instructions of District Collector proceedings no. APMIP/13091/MDK/Mandal Allotment/2009-10, dated: 22.3.2010 with a malafide intention to favour the companies.
- E) That the PD, APMIP, Medak has released 90% subsidy to MI Companies even though they have submitted final inspection reports signed by officers other than the designated MCOs of Mandals in 28 cases in Mulugu, Ramayampet, mandals with a malafide intention.
- F) That the PD, APMIP, Medak has released 90% subsidy to M/s. Rungta Irrigation even though mandatory columns in final inspection report are not filled by MIAO, MCO etc, but, mere signatures are available in the report which is not correct as per the guidelines/instructions. The PD, APMIP, Medak has failed to go through the important papers before release of 90% final payment to M/s. Rungta Irrigation. Thus, she failed to discharge her legitimate duties in scrutiny of files while releasing the 90% payment towards subsidy.

### **ARTICLE OF CHARGE-III**

That the PD, APMIP. Medak has processed files and paid subsidy to MI companies without the signatures of MCO in the applications, preliminary inspection reports & final inspection reports in 8 cases with a malafide intention, even though the District Collector & Chairman, APMIP, Medak through proceedings no. APMIP/13091/MDK/Mandal Allotment/2009-10, dated: 22.3.2010, has issued orders stating that, identification of MI applications & final inspection must be done by designated Mandal Co-ordinating

Officer (MCO) i.e., Agriculture Officer/Hort. Officer of the Mandal concerned. .

**ARTICLE OF CHARGE-IV:**

During the scrutiny of MI files it has been noticed that, in 125 cases (Annexure-12), the PD, APMIP, Medak, has paid 90% subsidy, even though there was no crop and only MI systems were installed. As per APMIP guidelines, 90% subsidy has to be released only after ensuring trial run & ensuring the MI system installed as per design & BoQs and functioning satisfactorily. Thus, the PD, APMIP, Medak has violated the guidelines and released final payment with a malafide intention.

**ARTICLE OF CHARGE-V**

That the PD, APMIP, Medak has processed and released excess amount to MI Companies, even though MI Companies have written different types of spacings in BOQs & invoices, violating the APMIP guidelines, wherein, specific unit costs and specific spacings are mentioned for all the crops. If any farmer adopts spacing other than the approved spacing the extra cost shall be borne by the farmer. For eg: The approved spacing as per APMIP guidelines for sugarcane is 1.8 mX 0.4m and for vegetables it is 1.2m X 0.6m. But, actual installation is done with a spacing of 0.9m X 0.6m for Sugarcane & 0.6m x 0.45 m for vegetables, in 7 cases leading to 50% reduction in MI installation area, thus, deviating APMIP guidelines.

S. No.	Name of the Farmer	Village & Mandal	Crop	APMIP approved Spacing	Spacing Adopted in the field	Name of the MI Company
1	Smt. T. Ratnamma	Machireddipalli (V), Kohir (M)	Sugarcane	1.8mx0.4m	0.9mx0.6m	Signet Industries
2	Sri M.Gabriel	Machireddipalli (V), Kohir (M)	Sugarcane	1.8mx0.4m	0.9mx0.6m	Signet Industries
3	Smt. K. Gowramma		Sugarcane	1.8mx0.4m	0.9mx0.6m	Signet Industries
4	Smt. Moghulamma	Kohir (V), Kohir (M)	Sugarcane	1.8mx0.4m	0.9mx0.6m	Signet Industries
5	Smt. B. Ratnamma	Picharegadi(V) Kohir (M)	Sugarcane	1.8mx0.4m	0.9mx0.6m	Signet Industries
6	Sri G. Narasimha Reddy	Kondapur (V), Mirdoddi (M)	Vegetables	1.2mx0.4m	0.6mx0.45m	Signet Industries
7	Smt. R. Susheela	Veerareddypalli(V), Mirdoddi (M)	Vegetables	1.2mx0.4m	0.6mx0.45m	Signet Industries

#### **ARTICLE OF CHARGE-VI**

That the PD, APMIP, Medak has released final payment in 2 cases, wherein, the final inspection is done before the date of installation. As per APMIP guidelines, the final inspection by the AO/MIAO will be done after installation of MI System in the field, before making final payment of 90% subsidy. Thus, the PD, APMIP Medak has violated the APMIP guidelines. Hence, it is assumed that final inspections are done without actual installations. This clearly shows that, the PD, APMIP, Medak, without proper scrutiny of files sanctioned/released the payments to MI Companies. Thus, she failed to discharge her legitimate duties.

#### **ARTICLE OF CHARGE-VII:**

That as per the APMIP Guidelines, the MIAO has to conduct 100% inspections and PD/APD/MIE and MIDC has to conduct 15%, 20%, 20% and 20% random inspections respectively. There is no record in the office of PD, APMIP, Medak to show that the mandatory random inspections done by PD/APD/MIE/MIDC in spite of the clear instructions given vide Circular Memo No. APMIP/380/2009, Dated:18-06-2010.

That, there is a practice in vogue in the district prior to Smt. K. Ramalaxmi assuming the charge of PD, APMIP, that 90% subsidy was paid to MI companies only after conducting random inspections by MIDC, MIE, APD and PD ( upto 08.12.2011 in file No. 6474/07-08). But, after taking charge of the post of PD, APMIP, Medak, by Smt. K. Ramalaxmi, she has discontinued this system of conducting random inspections while making payment of 90% subsidy with malafide intention.

#### **ARTICLE OF CHARGE- VIII:**

- (a) That the PD, Medak District has not allotted Company wise targets for 10% administrative sanctions given to 1703 SC farmers on 08.03.2013, to favour some companies with a malafide intention, even though, the system of allotting targets mandal wise & company wise, was existing & has been followed earlier by her except in this case.
- (b) That the PD, APMIP, Medak, obtained 10% administrative sanction orders from District Collector on 08.03.2013 with 1703 farmers list

covering 1409.78 Ha. for Sugarcane crop but actually PD diverted 921.64 Ha. of Sugarcane target to other crops like Vegetables etc., in deviation of orders of the District Collector and Head office circular memo No.APMIP/811/2012, Dt:07.03.2013.

(c) That the PD, APMIP, Medak District obtained orders from the District Collector, Medak on 08.03.2013 in file No. APMIP/ MDK/ Dripadmn/100/2012 for according administrative sanctions for the year 2012-13 with a list consisting of 1703 SC farmers in respect of 1409.78 Ha. But, in deviation of APMIP guidelines, she has issued 10% sanctions to farmers other than the list approved by District Collector on 08.03.2013.

**ARTICLE OF CHARGE-IX:**

That the PD, APMIP, Medak has processed & paid 90% subsidy to M/s Haritha Irrigation Ltd & Ms. Rungta Irrigation, in 15 cases, even though the farmers have opted for some other MI Company, so as to show undue favor to M/s. Haritha Irrigation Limited & Rungta Irrigation, depriving the opportunity to other MI Companies.

S.N o.	Name of the Farmer	Village	Mandal	MI Company originally opted by the farmer	MI Company for which sanctions are given
1	Smt. M. Balamani	Chepyala	Mirdoddi	Jain Irrigation	Haritha Irrigation Products(P) Limited
2	Sri G. Narsaiah	Mulugu	Mulugu	Finolex Plasson	Haritha Irrigation Products(P) Limited
3	Sri N. Nampalli	Chepyala	Mirdoddi	Jain Irrigation	Haritha Irrigation Products(P) Limited
4	Sri Motilal	Saidapur	Kondapur	Netafim Irrigation	Haritha Irrigation Products(P) Limited
5	Sri K. Yellaiah	Kondapur	Mirdoddi	Finolex Plasson	Haritha Irrigation Products(P) Limited
6	Smt. M. Narasavva	Chepyala	Mirdoddi	Jain Irrigation	Haritha Irrigation Products(P) Limited
7	Sri T. Butchaiah	Mohmmadapur	Kondapur	Signet Industries	Haritha Irrigation Products (P) Limited
8	Sri K. Kondaiah	Mulugu	Mulugu	Rungta Irrigation	Haritha Irrigation Products(P) Limited
9	Sri B. Saidaiah	Akaram	Gajwel	EPC	Haritha Irrigation Products(P) Limited
10	Sri G. Pochaiah	Karkapatla	Mulugu	Jain Irrigation	Rungta Irrigation
11	Smt. S. Santamma	Karkapatla	Mulugu	Jain Irrigation	Rungta Irrigation
12	Sri C. Chinamallu	Karkapatla	Mulugu	Jain Irrigation	Rungta Irrigation
13	Sri M. Ramachandra Reddy	Karkapatla	Mulugu	Jain Irrigation	Rungta Irrigation
14	Sri K. Sreenivas	Karkapatla	Mulugu	Jain Irrigation	Rungta Irrigation
15	Sri B. Bhikshapathi	Karkapatla	Mulugu	Jain Irrigation	Rungta Irrigation

**ARTICLE OF CHARGE- X:**

That as per Rule 3(1) of AP Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, every Government employee shall be devoted to their duties and shall maintain absolute integrity, discipline, impartiality and a sense of propriety. Smt. K Ramalaxmi, DDH/PD, APMIP, Medak without proper scrutiny and without properly following the guidelines of APMIP made 90% payments causing loss of Govt. Money and failed to discharge her legitimate duties in scrutinizing the relevant files before releasing the final payments. Thus, she has violated Rule 3(1) of AP Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, in all aspects.

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## ANNEXURE – II

List of documents by which the Article of Charges framed against Smt. K. Ramalaxmi, Project Director, APMIP, Medak, are proposed to be sustained.

The Commissioner of Horticulture, Hyderabad Lr. No. Estt.I(2)/2014, dt. 28.2.2014 addressed to the APC & Principal Secretary to Government, A & C Dept. enclosing the following:-

1. Lr.No. Nil of State Co-ordinator of M/sHaritha Irrigation Products (P) Limited, dated 2.7.2013.
2. Daily Progress Reports (DPR) of February & March 2013 (upto 26.03.2013)
3. (a) 18 cases of fake/forged final inspection and commissioning reports of Agriculture Officers (AO) of Mulugu & Ramayampet – Mandal Co-ordinating Officers( MCO).  
(b) Statement of AOs/MCOs.
4. Invoices of 49 cases where, M/s. Jain Irrigations Ltd. & M/s. Kumar Enterprises have supplied 60 liters fertilizer tank for an area less than 1 ha.
5. Three cases of final inspection & commissioning reports, 90% subsidy photos of M/s. Rungta Irrigation & M/s. Haritha Irrigation Products (P) Limited.
6. Circular Memos Nos. APMIP/750/09, dated: 30.6.2009 and 17.8.2009 of Director of Horticulture.
7. Four MI files pertaining to Sri R.A. Siddiqui, Sri F.A. Siddiqui, Sri Sulaiman A. Siddiqui, Ms. Jaina Fathima of Chintalghat, Kohir (Mandal) in which APD, Medak clearly pointed about the unregistered sale deeds .
8. 9 MI files in which final bills were submitted by MI Companies without obtaining final inspection reports of MCOs & proceedings of District Collector, Medak- Proceedings No. APMIP/13091/MDK/Mandal Allotment/2009-10, dated: 22.3.2010.
9. 28 MI files pertaining to mandals of Mulugu & Ramayampet, in which, final inspection done by MCOs other than the designated MCOs for the above Mandals.
10. Final Inspection report submitted by AO, Mulugu pertaining to M/s. Rungta Irrigation Limited.
11. 8 MI files in which, MCO/AO not signed the MI applications, preliminary inspection reports & final inspection reports.
12. Final inspection 90% photos of 125 MI installations
13. 7 MI cases pertaining to M/s. Signet Industries Limited wherein, approved spacing & actual installed spacings have been mentioned in invoices submitted by MI Company.
14. 2 cases of M/s. Haritha Irrigation Products (P) Limited in which, final inspection of MI installations were done by AO & MIAO before actual drip installation.
15. Circular Memo no. APMIP/380/2009, dated: 18.6.2010.
16. List of farmers who were given 10% administrative sanctions by PD, APMIP, Medak instead of the farmers approved by the District Collector on 8.3.2013.
17. 10% administrative sanctions list (farmer wise, crop wise) as found in the TCS online system.
18. Copy of note file of PD, APMIP, Medak- APMIP/Dripadmin/100/12, dated: 8.3.2013.
19. 9 & 6 case files pertaining to M/s. Haritha Irrigation Products (P) Limited and M/s. Rungta Irrigation Limited respectively.

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**ANNEXURE-III**

List of witnesses by whom the Article of Charges framed against Smt. K. Ramalaxmi, Project Director, APMIP, Medak, are proposed to be sustained.

--- NIL ---

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